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Hello;

I am a graduate student at UC Davis, who uses a variety of computing platforms (Mac OS 9/X, Solaris, Linux, Windows) and I am very concerned about Microsoft's monopoly. I think their business practices are extremely harmful, with the lack of competition in both the OS market and the applications (e.g. Office) market being very detrimental to me as a consumer -- denying me a choice while raising the cost to me of doing research. There are also clear indications that they are planning to throttle emerging markets with extortionist licensing policies, e.g. the .NET initiative, which threaten to prevent possibly very beneficial competition before it even gets started.

I encourage you to take the necessary steps to punish Microsoft for their clear and willful violations of the Sherman act, and structural steps to prevent future abuses of their market power.

Thank you,
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